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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Congress is adjourned until January 23, 2002. Last week, the President signed into law the remaining Federal Fiscal Year 2002 appropriations bills, including measures funding Labor, Health and Human Services programs and defense.

Last Friday, President Bush signed into law a brownfields bill supported by your Board. Adopted by Congress in the waning hours of last year's session, the bipartisan bill (H.R. 2869) will provide local communities with funds to clean up abandoned urban industrial sites. The five-year bill authorizes up to \$250 million a year for grants to state and local governments to clean up some 450,000 polluted industrial sites.

The President announced that he will request \$200 million for brownfields clean up activities in FFY 2002, up from \$98 million in the current year. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Whitman said the Administration may propose spending the full \$250 million authorized amount in FFY 2004.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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